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ACCOUNTS were received early this Morning by Lieutenant General *Lake* from Major General *Needham*, at *Arklow*, ſtating that the REBELS had, in great Force, attacked his Poſition in *Arklow*, at ſix o'Clock Yeſterday Evening. They advanced in an irregular Manner, and extended themſelves for the Purpoſe of turning his left Flank, his Rear and right Flank being ſtrongly defended by the Town and Barrack of *Arklow*. Upon their endeavouring to enter the lower End of the Town, they were charged by the Fourth Dragoon Guards, Fifth Dragoons, and Ancient Britons, and completely routed. All round the other Points of the Poſition they were defeated with much Slaughter. The Loſs of his Majeſty's Troops was trifling, and their Behaviour highly gallant.

A Letter has alſo been received from Major-General *Nugent*, at *Belfaſt*, dated the 9th Inſtant, which ſtates, that the REBELS were diſperſed in all Directions, except at *Toome*, whither General *Knox* and Colonel *Clavering* were proceeding; and that many of them had laid down their Arms. The Major-General alſo ſtates, that Mr. *M'Cleverty* had returned from *Donnegar-Hill*, whither he had been carried Priſoner by a Body of 2000 REBELS. Whilſt they were in this Station they diſagreed and quarrelled among themſelves, and from his Influence above fifteen Hundred left the Camp, broke and deſtroyed their Arms, and ſwore they would never again carry an offenſive Weapon againſt his Majeſty or his loyal Subjects; many more diſperſed, and the Commander of them was left with fifty Men only.

In Colonel *Durham*'s Letter reſpecting the Action at *Antrim* and *Randalſtown*, (which was ſtated in Yeſterday's Bulletin,) he expreſſes ſtrongly his Obligations to Lieut. Col. *Ker* for his Exertions; to Major *Smith* for his judicious Diſtribution of the 22d Light Dragoons; to Captain *Coulſon*, of the Artillery; and to Captain *Rainey*, and the Gentlemen of the *Belfaſt* Cavalry. He alſo makes particular Acknowledgments for the Advice and Aſſiſtance he received from Lieutenant Colonel *Peacock*; and he ſpeaks in the higheſt Terms of the whole Detachment.

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